

Interview Summary	Application No. 10/573,791	Applicant(s) ALTHEIMER ET AL.	
	Examiner Darryl J. Collins	Art Unit 2873	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Darryl J. Collins. (3)_____.

(2) Mr. James McKeown. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 20 September 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: dependent claims 23 and 41-54.

Identification of prior art discussed: none.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. McKeown was contacted with respect to the dependency of claims 41-54 in an effort to expedite prosecution of the application. Claim 23 was also discussed with respect to the phrase "as small as possible". Mr. McKeown authorized the examiner to amend the claims as agreed upon.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



Examiner's signature, if required

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. James McKeown on September 20, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 23, line 10, after "vectorial astigmatism A is, delete "as small as possible," and insert "minimized,".

In claim 41, after "Progressive lens as claimed in Claim", delete "39" and insert "40".

In claim 42, after "Progressive lens as claimed in Claim", delete "39" and insert "40".

In claim 44, after "Progressive lens as claimed in Claim", delete "39" and insert "40".

In claim 46, after "Progressive lens as claimed in Claim", delete "39" and insert "40".

In claim 48, after "Progressive lens as claimed in Claim", delete "39" and insert "40".

In claim 49, after "Progressive lens as claimed in Claim", delete "39" and insert "40".

In claim 51, after "Progressive lens as claimed in Claim", delete "39" and insert "40".

In claim 53, after "Progressive lens as claimed in Claim", delete "39" and insert "40".

In claim 54, after "Progressive lens as claimed in Claim", delete "39" and insert "40".

Information Disclosure Statement

Although, the information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on March 28, 2006 has been considered by the examiner, citation AG has not been considered as it is not in English nor has a corresponding translation been provided.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 23-54 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art taken either singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of the independent claims, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 would be proper. Although the prior art teaches a progressive ophthalmic lens and a method of producing a progressive ophthalmic lens, the prior art fails to teach such a lens meeting the conditional constraints as claimed in independent claims 23 and 40.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Darryl J. Collins whose telephone number is 571-272-2325. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 - 5:00 Monday - Thursday.

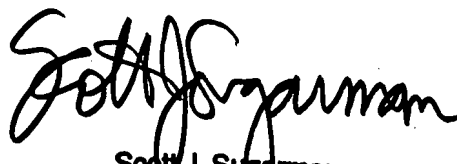
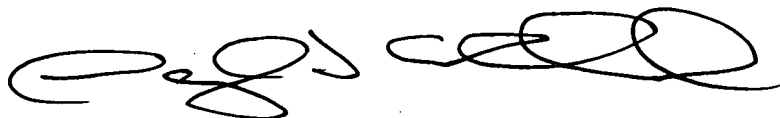
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on 571-272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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24 September 2007



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